

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - December 18, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:39 a.m.), Genia Bruce, Hank Carlson (arrived at 8:39 a.m.), Karl Nilson (arrived at 8:36 a.m.), Rodell Singert, David Swan

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Communications Center Mgr. Richard Tuma, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, County Board Supervisors Bill Mitchell and Duane Paulson

### **Read Correspondence/Meeting Approvals**

1. Manke referred to a letter from Leanne Cowles of Curative Care Network advising of their intention to apply for a federal grant for transportation equipment to assist them in meeting its transportation needs.
2. Esler said the Winter Highway Conference is on January 25-27, 2004. There is a County Board meeting on January 27 at 9:00 a.m. **Motion:** Nilson moved, second by Swan, to approve attendance to the Winter Highway Conference in Appleton on January 25-27, 2004. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**
3. Manke referred to an email from Pete Hartmann regarding the Waukesha Transit Commission.
4. Swan said he was appointed to the Mineral Extraction Advisory Committee (MEAC).

### **Future Agenda Items**

Singert discussed the issue of reformulated gas and the lack of the federal government to reduce the 49 formulations of reformulated gas. There is research which shows that some of the so-called air quality contamination did come from the New Mexico/Texas area. Singert would like this issue discussed at a committee meeting to get some action taken to inform the EPA and the DNR in Wisconsin on consideration to reduce the formulations.

### **Approve Minutes of December 4, 2003**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 12/4/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member**

Manke reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on 12/8/03.

### **Status Update on the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission Meeting of 12/12/03**

Nilson (member of WRRTC) said that first the Executive Committee met, which consists of one member from each participating county. Following was a meeting of the whole commission at which time there was a discussion on finances. Nilson said years ago when the railroad was nothing and the tracks were shot, the commission just tried to keep things going. Now there is a growing concern, even though the tracks have been fixed up, because Class 1 railroad cars are running on the tracks. Carlson said he would have liked to attend the last commission meeting to get a perspective on the issues.

### **Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-121 Combined Underground Utility Easement, CTH "L", City of Muskego**

**Motion:** Nilson moved, second by Bruce, to approve Ordinance 158-O-121. Braun distributed two

maps for further clarification. Braun stated this is part of the Janesville Road project. An auto body restoration shop and a single family home were purchased for demolition for the new right of way. The remaining parcel is not buildable and a stream is being re-routed through part of it. It can never be redeveloped with another house on it. WE Energies along with Wisconsin Bell and Time Warner would like to lay an easement down and through this parcel to bury a line. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-120 Appropriate Revenues and Expenditures to the Highway Fund 2003 Budget**

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Singert, to approve Ordinance 158-O-120. Crosswaite explained the ordinance, which appropriates additional expenditure authority in the 2003 budget of \$120,000. The maintenance work directed by the State is requiring more materials than the budget anticipated. The 2003 budget was \$210,000 and is increased to \$244,050 in 2004.

Esler asked is this a specific line item in the budget because the budget on state highway operations is several million dollars. Crosswaite replied that this is specific to materials. Through November, \$300,000 has been spent on costs for materials and originally \$204,000 was projected. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-118 Designate Waukesha County Communications as Wireless 9-1-1 PSAP**

**Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Swan, to approve Ordinance 158-O-118. Tuma explained the ordinance which designates the Center as the Wireless 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and makes the Center eligible for grants to fund costs associated with providing the service. Eligible costs include network circuit installation, hardware and software, mapping, database collection and PSAP training on wireless 9-1-1. Funding will be distributed over a three year period beginning in 2006.

Bolte said what is key is we're anticipating being one of the first, if not the first Center in the State of Wisconsin being able to receive wireless 9-1-1 calls when they go live in May 2004. They will have the software, hardware, and the legislation. To Esler's question, Tuma said the big cost is the implementation because the phone equipment has to be changed, and 9-1-1 phone equipment has to be capable of a lot more data. If you don't have a computer system or a mapping system, you need something to be able to quad those calls. Esler asked what about upgrades to the utilities after the three year window? Does the county have to pay for those upgrades as well. Tuma asked are you referring to the wireless carriers? Esler said yes. Tuma replied that the legislation sets a certain amount of funding for them to recoup their costs during the three year period. Esler asked what about after the three year period? Tuma said regarding on-going costs, they have very little compared to what the PSAP's would have. Esler asked what is the timeframe for submitting county costs to the Public Service Commission? Tuma said once the rules are completed, we have three months.

Manke asked have any of the nine Waukesha County PSAP's said they want to join? Tuma said he hasn't heard from anyone. None of them have the equipment to do it at this point. They would have to upgrade their phone systems at a minimum of \$100,000 to \$300,000. Tuma is anticipating in 2005, however, that there will be a number of inquiries. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-119 Authorization to Demolish House at S66 W30330 CTH "T", Town of Mukwonago**

**Motion:** Nilson moved, second by Behrend, to approve Ordinance 158-O-119. This ordinance authorizes the Public Works Department and the Parks and Land Use Department to dispose of a structure on CTH "I". The Parks and Land Use 2004 budget includes \$20,000 in operating expense appropriations for the estimated demolition, disposal and site restoration costs. The structure is currently vacant, and no rental revenue is expected or was budgeted for in 2004.

Bolte stated the house to be demolished is about 1 ½ miles in on a dirt road. In accordance with policy when properties are acquired as part of land acquisitions, they will not be rented again but would be demolished. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Status Update on the City of Waukesha Mass Transit Commission's Action**

Esler gave an update on the action by the City of Waukesha Mass Transit Commission. He stated he attended the Transit Commission meeting of last Thursday evening (12/11/03). Basically, the commission accepted the definitions of the federal transit association for an inter-city bus and for a transit bus. In addition to the inter-city bus definition put out by the association which says "usually has restroom facilities," the transit commission said it must have toilet facilities. They directed the vendors (MV Transportation, Coach USA and Riteway Bus Service) to re-submit revised proposals on both types of buses and to form a new evaluation committee of five members selected from a list of ten. Then the evaluation committee will recommend to the transit commission the best Type A provider with the inter-city type of bus and the best Type B bus which is the transit service bus. The Transit Commission will then decide which is the best to recommend to the Common Council for approval. This was immediately objected to by the attorneys present for Coach USA and that is where it sits now.

Esler met with Mr. Webb of the City of Waukesha yesterday to discuss some of the issues involved. Esler said what happened is the Transit Commission interfered with the recommendation of the evaluation committee. The Transit Commission should have accepted the recommendation and forwarded it to the Common Council for adoption in which case the protest could have been filed after the contract was awarded. Esler said his advice to Mr. Webb to take back to the city attorney was keep the process moving, award the contract and then let Coach USA protest it.

Singert, who also attended the meeting, gave a detailed review of the Thursday evening meeting. A discussion by committee members followed. Swan asked at what point does the county become responsible? This process is entangled so we can't determine that. Do we wait until we find out what is going to happen and then step in or do we just let it happen? Esler said in his opinion you let it happen. They have to deal with the situation and resolve it one way or the other because that's what they are being paid for.

**Motion to adjourn:** Carlson moved, second by Singert, to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.  
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Genia C. Bruce  
Secretary

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